



## Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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<b>Event Name</b>	8 May 2015 Severe Weather Event SITREP
<b>Date</b>	05/16/20/15
<b>Time</b>	0700
<b>Operational Period</b>	05/15/15 – 05/16/15
<b>Report Number</b>	9

<b>Regions Affected</b>	
<b>DPS Regions Affected</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6
<b>DDCs Active</b>	Garland, Hurst, Tyler and Waco

### STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued a proclamation certifying that the severe weather, tornado and flooding event that began on Monday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015, has caused a disaster in Bosque, Clay, Denton, Eastland, Gaines, Montague and Van Zandt Counties. An updated proclamation added Cooke, Grimes, Hood, Navarro, Smith and Wise Counties on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. In response to severe weather conditions and to coordinate a rapid and effective response, the State Operations Center (SOC) increased its level of response to Level II – Escalated Response Conditions effective at 7:00 AM (CDT) Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. State Emergency Management Council have sent state agency and volunteer agency representatives to the SOC to support resource requests. The SOC conducted a severe weather conference call with the National Weather Service Offices and state agency representatives at 10:00 AM (CDT) this morning.

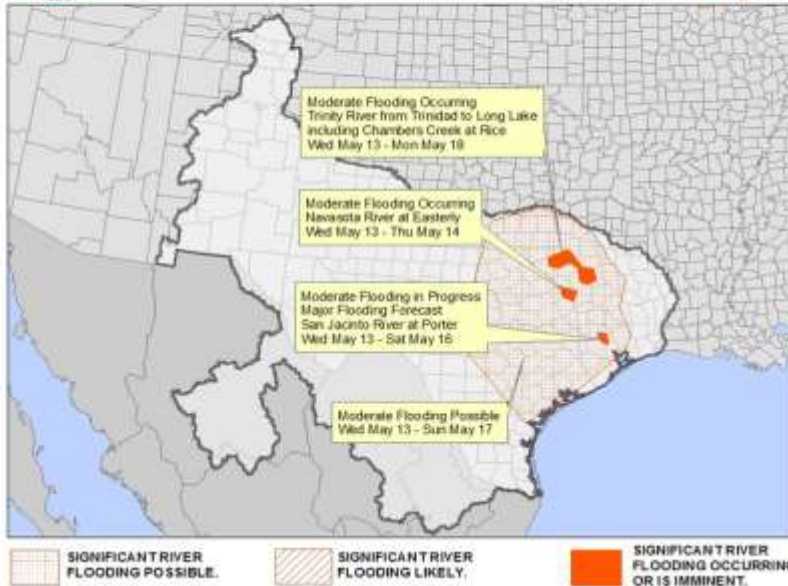
A strong upper level storm system will move across the area today. Showers and thunderstorms are expected to develop across the Central Plains, extending south toward West Texas and North Central Texas. Severe thunderstorms are expected for the Wichita Falls area west along the Red River. The threat for severe thunderstorms extends south toward the Big Bend this afternoon through the overnight hours. Scattered showers and thunderstorms are also expected across the remainder of Texas east of the thunderstorm threat. Locally heavy rainfall is expected for Northeast Texas and for Southwest Texas from Del Rio to west of San Antonio. Flash flooding is possible in the stronger to severe thunderstorms where locally heavy rainfall is expected. Significant (moderate or greater) river flooding is possible. The flash flood and river flood threat will increase for the eastern portions of Texas through the weekend.





## Significant River Flood Outlook

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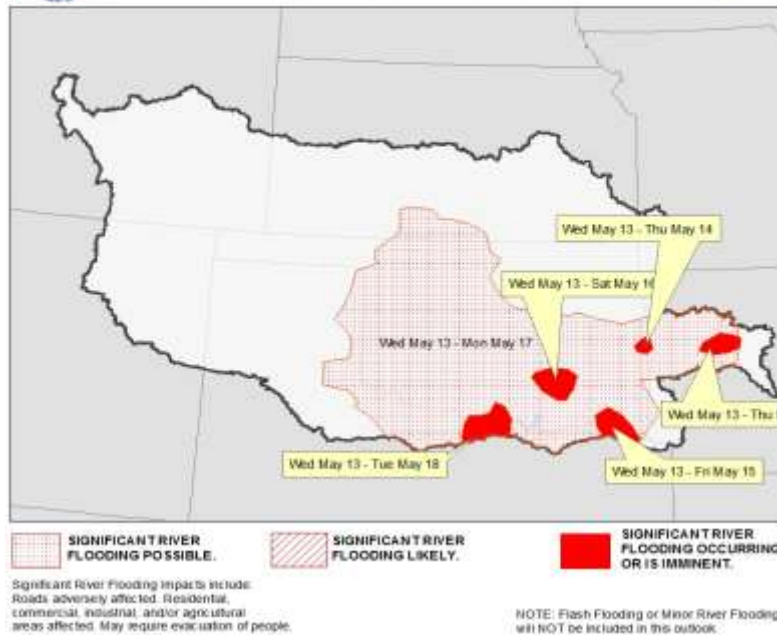


### Potential Flooding on the Arkansas – Red River Basin

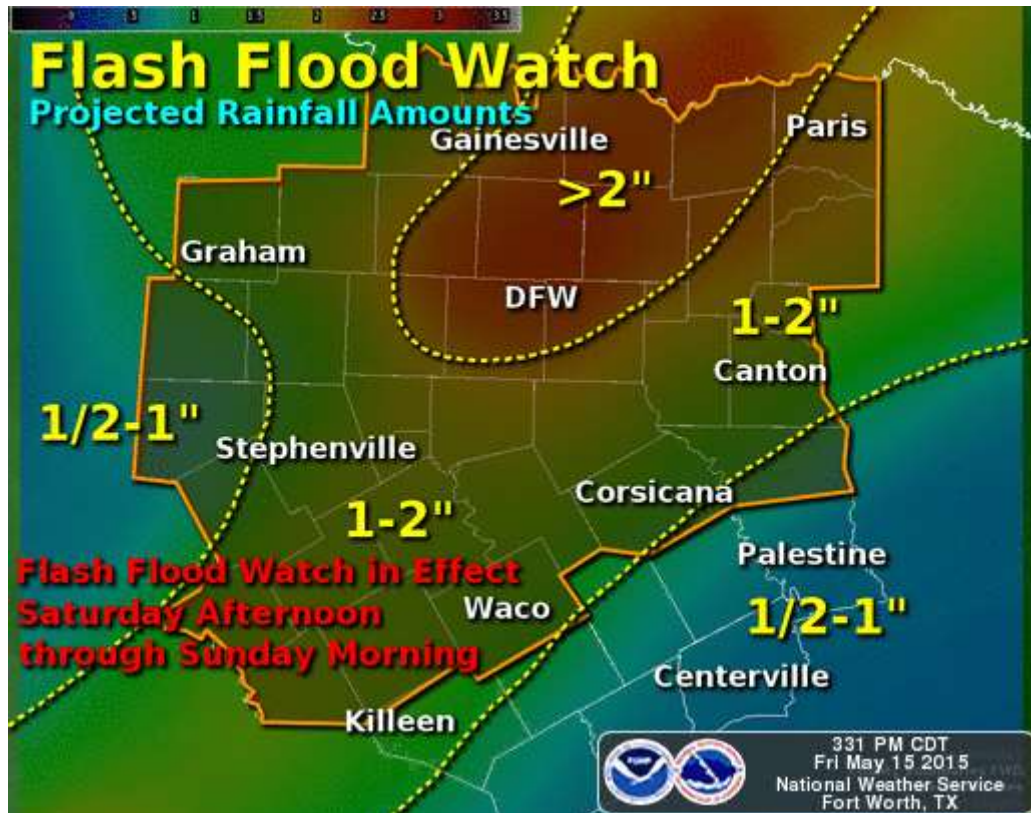


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Arkansas-Red Basin River Forecast Center 5/13/2015 9:43:55 AM



**National Weather Service (NWS) Fort Worth:** A flash flood watch is in effect for most of North Texas from Saturday afternoon through Sunday morning. Widespread rainfall amounts of 1 to 3 inches with isolated amounts in excess of 4 inches will be possible through Sunday. Grounds are already saturated across the region and additional heavy rains will result in some flash flooding. (See following graphics).



**NWS Norman:** A **Flash Flood Watch** remains in effect until Sunday morning. Thunderstorms and heavy rain will move across through Saturday night. This rain will fall over saturated soils which will result in enhanced flooding issues.





**NWS Shreveport:** A **Flash Flood Watch** remains in effect until Sunday morning. Thunderstorms and heavy rainfall is expected Saturday night into Sunday.

## OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.
5. Maintain communication with impacted local jurisdictions.

### **Region 1** (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, 22)

**DDC 4 Hurst** (Includes Wise, Denton, Palo Pinto, Parker, Tarrant, Hood, Erath, Johnson and Somervell Counties)

Disaster District Hurst remains activated at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) and is co-located in the Denton County Emergency Operation Center (EOC).

**Denton County:** A Disaster Declaration and a Disaster Summary Outline (DSO) were submitted.

**Henderson County:** The voluntary evacuation of homes downstream from the Farm-to-Market (FM) 317 dam has been renewed. Forty-three residents were called.

**Wise County:** An updated DSO was submitted for Wise County due to a tornado and flooding that has impacted 15 mobile homes. One injury was reported.

**DDC 6 Tyler:** (Includes Rains, Van Zandt, Henderson, Anderson, Wood, Smith, Cherokee, Camp, Upshur, Gregg, Rusk, Marion, Harrison and Panola Counties)

**Anderson County:** FM315 closed due to culvert being washed out.

**Harrison County:** A Disaster Declaration and Disaster Summary Outline (DSO) have been submitted.

**City of Marshall:** A Disaster Summary Outline has been submitted.

**Henderson County:** The TCEQ Engineer removed three boards from the weir gate at the spillway which should help lower the water level. There has been some deterioration of the dam overnight and this morning. The owner is continuing to work on lowering the lake level by opening valves and removing additional boards from the spillway. A Disaster Declaration, Disaster Summary Outline, and letter to the Governor requesting assistance have been submitted.

The City of Athens is under a boil water notice until the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) lifts the ban.

**Navarro County:** Navarro County submitted a Disaster Declaration. The City of Corsicana confirmed one fatality due to high water. The Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) reported extensive flooding in the Corsicana area.

The City of Richland reported a water line break, which has left the city without water, approximately 894 people are affected. The Public Works Department believes the main feed line is broke and currently unable to reach the line due to flooding. ARC is assisting with bottled water. Tankers have also been deployed to assist residents with potable water.

Flood water has eroded the dam at the spillway on Lake Halbert in the City of Corsicana. Local officials are worried issues that develop with the dam and are consulting with TCEQ. Water is still flowing around the spillway. Approximately 2" of rain has fallen yesterday and more is predicted through the next weekend.

**Smith County:** The Smith County EMC reported possible straight-line wind damage or tornado damage to approximately 25 homes near CR 460 and CR 462. Damage assessments are ongoing. A Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) was turned in for damage caused by the F1 tornado on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The assessment includes 23 homes (15 minor, 8 major), 6 mobile homes (4 minor, 8 major), 16 barns (8 minor, 8 major) 10 carports/sheds (3 minor, 7 major), 2 vehicles with minor damage, and 2 fences with major damage.

**Van Zandt County:** The City of Van has begun to transition to recovery. The EOC remains activated. A revised DSO was submitted May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

The Incident Command Post (ICP) has moved to the Van High School Stadium Parking Lot.

Van Independent School District (ISD) Superintendent has submitted a waiver to TEA to close pre-k through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for the remainder of the school year.

School complex (Rhodes) has been damaged and remains closed. Local schools will remain closed until further notice from the ISD. DSOs are being completed by the City of Van. Other damages in the county are still being identified and assessed.

A re-entry plan has been developed to allow residents access to their properties for clean-up. A debris management plan has also been developed - the City of Van and Van Zandt County will work together with their waste contractors to facilitate debris handling. Various Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOADs) will be allowed into the impact area to assist local residents where needed. The volunteer reception area will be moved outside the perimeter. Planning is underway to relocate command and support trailers inside the security perimeter and relocate various other VOAD resources outside the secure perimeter to better handle the accounting of VOADs, volunteers, and other donation activities. The Mayor determined that all cleanup operations being performed by private citizens and VOAD groups will end at 5:00 PM each day beginning on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

A Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) for those interested in providing assistance to the Van Zandt County relief effort will open Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The VRC will be located in the Van High School Stadium parking lot, Van Memorial Stadium & Sports Complex, 1085 North Maple Street, Van, TX 75790 on the north side of HWY 110. Team Rubicon and Americore have arrived and are established at the Van High School Stadium parking lot. For current information, visit [volunteertx.org](http://volunteertx.org).

In addition, homeowners in need of recovery assistance can stop in the Multi Agency Resources Center (MARC) to fill out a homeowner intake form. The VRC will then connect homeowners with volunteer support. The address for the MARC is: Van Community Center, 310 Chestnut Street, Van, TX 75790. For additional information please visit [volunteertx.org](http://volunteertx.org) or dial 2-1-1.

The First Baptist Church in Van closed on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. American Red Cross has placed the remaining guests in hotels.

Roads that remain closed are: FM1616 from State Loop 7 to FM773 & FM317 three miles east of SH31. Both roads have been washed out and the closures will be a long term closure.

Boil water notices are in effect for City of Van (Van Zandt Co), Harrison County, Cherokee County, Ben Wheeler (Van Zandt Co)

The below photos of damage in Van, TX are courtesy of Texas A&M Forest Service:



**DDC 22 Sherman** (Includes Cooke, Fannin and Grayson Counties)

**Cooke County:** A Disaster Declaration and DSO were submitted. Eleven mobile homes in the private community of Pioneer Valley sustained water damage. ARC surveyed the damage and reported 2 with major damage, 3 with moderate damage and 6 with minor damage. Most are under or uninsured. The Cooke County EOC is activated. An amended DSO was received.

**Grayson County:** Grayson County submitted an amended DSO.

**Region 2** (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16)

**DDC 16 Texas City** (Includes Brazoria and Galveston Counties)

**Brazoria County:** The City of Angleton had 20 homes flooded along with vehicles flooded and left in roadway. Brushy Bayou has since receded. Citizens at the Recreation Center have moved to be with other family members. South of Angleton received 9" of rain in three hours. Bastrop Bayou close to going out of its banks.



**Region 3** (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

**DDC 19 – Laredo** (Includes Webb, Zapata, Jim Hogg, Starr Counties)

DDC 19 has returned to Level IV Normal Conditions.

**DDC 20 – Corpus Christi:** (Includes Refugio, Bee, Live Oak, San Patricio, Nueces, Jim Wells, Kleberg, Duval, Brooks and Kenedy Counties)

**Bee County:** Widespread flooding and numerous roads are closed due to high water. Eight water rescues were made. The Aransas River is expected to crest May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 affecting 20-30 residents.

**Duval County:** Power outages are affecting 164 customers.

**Jim Wells County:** Power outages are affecting 316 customers.

**Live Oak County:** Power outages are affecting 822 customers. The Atascosa and Nueces Rivers are above major flood stage and is expected to crest on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Nueces County:** Multiple street closures in unincorporated areas of county. Power outages are affecting 4,518 customers.

**San Patricio County:** Power outages are affecting 407 customers.

**DDC 21 – Weslaco:** (Includes Cameron, Hidalgo, Willacy Counties)

**Hidalgo County:** City of Edinburg and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) continue to remediate the flooding within the Faysville community. The American Red Cross (ARC) supported the shelter. No injuries were reported. The Hidalgo County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) conducted preliminary damage assessments

**DDC 24 – Del Rio:** (Includes Val Verde, Edwards, Real, Kinney, Uvalde, Maverick, Zavala, Dimmit, La Salle Counties)

DDC 24 has decreased its response level to Level IV (Normal Conditions) but is prepared to increase its response level if necessary. Heavy rains occurred overnight and early this morning, with Uvalde County reporting 6-8 inches of rain and Zavala County reporting 5-7 inches of rain. Twenty-four road closures have been reported within the DDC. No EOCs or shelters are open at this time. Utopia and Uvalde ISDs delayed opening until 10 AM yesterday morning.

**La Salle County:** La Salle has received 2.83” of rain since around 9:15 AM yesterday and the rain has continued. There were unconfirmed reports of possible tornadoes near a ranch off of FM 468 and FM 624 and Jugg Road (approximately 15 miles southeast of Cotulla). IH35 @ Mile Marker 46 is flooded but remains open.

**Maverick County/Eagle Pass EOC:** Effective at 2350 hours May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the EOC demobilized and the San Luis shelter, which was never utilized has been closed.

**Uvalde County:** Uvalde County Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) reported heavy rains in the city of Uvalde. Several roads are closed due to flooding. Uvalde Sheriff's Department and TxDOT have been assisting and responding.

**Region 5** (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, 7)

**DDC 3 Wichita Falls** (Includes Hardeman, Wilbarger, Wichita, Cottle, Foard, Clay, Montague, Baylor, Archer, and Young and Jack Counties)

**Clay County:** Approximately 40 county roads have sustained water damage. Two homes were affected and one has minor damages. A Disaster Declaration was submitted. County Commissioners will continue to update the DSO as water recedes.

**Wichita County:** A Disaster Summary Outline has been submitted.

**Archer County:** A Disaster Declaration has been submitted.

**Eastland County:** An updated Disaster Summary Outline has been submitted.

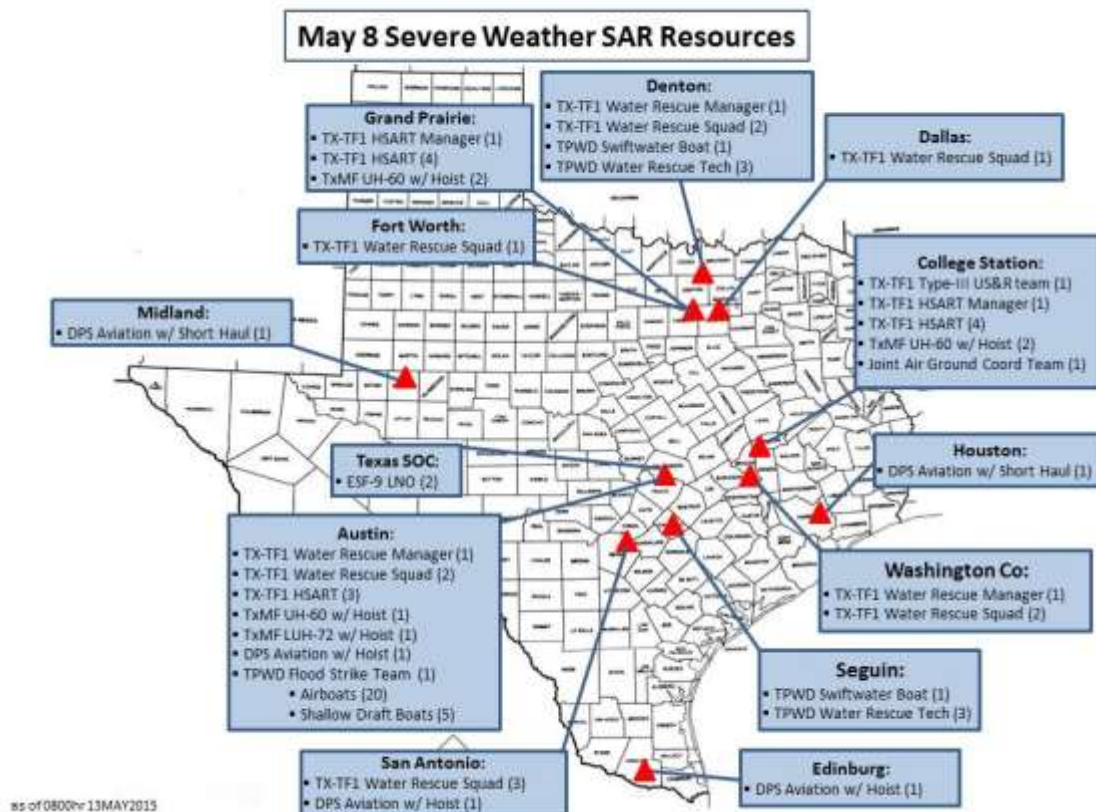
**Region 6** (Includes DDCs 11, 23, 12, 18, and 17)

**DDC 11/23 – Waco** (Includes Bell, Bosque, Coryell, Falls, Freestone, Hamilton, Limestone, McLennan, Milam, Mills and San Saba Counties)

DDC 23 activated to level III (increased readiness conditions)

## RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

**Texas Task Force 1 (TEEX/TX-TF1):** Eleven State of Texas Swift Water Rescue Squads with rostered crews on alert with the following agencies: Austin Fire, San Antonio Fire, STRAC and Washington County EMS. Ten Swift Water Rescue Squads have been activated, and one is available in Denton County. Three Swift Water Rescue Managers have been activated; one in Austin, one in Washington County, and one in Denton. A Type-III USAR team is activated in College Station. The Joint Air Ground Coordination Team (JAGCT) is active in College Station to support air operations. Aircraft operations resumed at 0700 May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.



Resource Kind and Type	Qty	# of Personnel	Status*	Resource Location
HSART Team	1	2	Activated	College Station-(Shiner99)
HSART Team	1	2	Activated	College Station-(Shiner13)
HSART LNO	1	1	Activated	College Station
HSART Team	1	2	Activated	Grand Prairie-(Alamo11)
HSART Team	1	2	Activated	Grand Prairie-(Alamo07)
HSART LNO	1	1	Activated	Grand Prairie
Water Rescue Squad	1	6	Activated	Denton Co.-Ft Worth Water Squad
Water Rescue Squad	1	6	Available	Denton Co.- Denton Water Squad
Water Rescue Manager	1	1	Activated	Denton Co. -Water Manager
Water Rescue Squad	1	6	Activated	Austin–Austin Water Squad 1
SOC LNO	1	2	Activated	SOC
HSART Team	1	2	Activated	Austin-UH 60 (Shiner40)
HSART Team	1	1	Activated	Austin-LUH 72 (Guard66)
HSART LNO	1	1	Activated	Austin
Water Rescue Squad	1	6	Activated	Washington CO.-Washington Co EMS Water Squad
Water Rescue Squad	1	6	Activated	San Antonio-STRAC Water Squad
Water Rescue Squad	1	6	Activated	Austin-Austin Water Squad 2
Water Rescue Squad	1	6	Activated	San Antonio- San Antonio Water Squad 1
Water Rescue Manager	1	1	Activated	Washington Co.-Water Manager
Type-III USAR Team	1	40	Activated	College Station
Water Rescue Squad	1	6	Activated	Dallas-Dallas Water Squad
Water Rescue Squad	1	6	Activated	Washington Co.-Longview Water Squad
Water Rescue Squad	1	5	Activated	Ft Worth-FtW/Hurst Water Squad
Water Rescue Squad	1	5	Activated	San Antonio-San Antonio 2 Water Squad
Water Rescue Manager	1	1	Activated	Austin-Water Manager
JAGCT	1	8	Activated	College Station
SAR Overhead Team	1	10	Activated	College Station
HSART Team	1	2	Activated	Austin-UH 60 (Shiner65)
HSART Team	1	2	Activated	Austin-UH 60(Alamo14)
HSART LNO	1	1	Activated	Austin



**Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS):** TXDPS continues to monitor severe weather conditions consisting of tornado warnings, flooding, heavy rain and road closings. A trooper response roster from each of the six regions has been prepared for troopers to respond to possible flooding and road closures later this week and next week. Region roster is comprised of 50 troopers and 5 sergeants per region.

**Aviation assets:**

Five SAR helicopters, 3 hoists and 2 short hauls are available for the SOC. One in San Antonio (hoist), 1 in Austin (hoist), 1 in Edinburg (hoist), 1 in Houston (short haul) and 1 in Midland (short haul). TXDPS aircraft assets will be moving to the North Texas area at 0800 for recon. TXDPS also has 1 fixed-wing asset with downlink capability that could send live footage into the SOC (weather dependent). All missions and assets have been added to the Aviation Board in WebEOC. Local helicopters are available in Austin, Dallas, and San Antonio.

At 1700 hours on May 14<sup>th</sup>, DPS 116 aircrew was requested to assist the Edinburg Fire Chief in reference to flooding that occurred in the city limits of Edinburg due to recent heavy rainfall.





**Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM):** TDEM personnel have been actively responding to this severe weather and flooding event. District Coordinator (DC) 9B – Ft. Stockton is deployed at DDC 4 Hurst.

DC 2 – Lubbock, DC Capitol, DC 6 – Tyler, and DC 11/23 - Waco are deployed to Van, Van Zandt County, to assist with damage assessments and the coordination of resources.

TDEM Disaster Finance Coordinator – Region 1 is assisting the SOC Finance Section with calculation of state agency response costs. Regional Disaster Finance staff have deployed to the City of Van to assist with disaster cost documentation.

**Human Services (TDEM):** Overnight shelter count: 5 shelters open; 2 with populations of 24 overnight in shelters. The Salvation Army has provided 1,242 meals, 1,434 beverages and 502 snacks in the last 24 hours in Van. Sixty meals have been provided in Banquette.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** TFS continues to staff Emergency Services Branch at the SOC. TFS currently has 14 people supporting the Incident Management Team in which is on scene in the City of Van currently working on a debris management plan and coordinating volunteer response efforts. DDC 4 is moving operations back to the Hurst office. The Short Team that was requested departed for DDC Garland and was expected to arrive at noon.

Resource Kind and Type	Quantity	# Personnel	Status	Resource Location
Overhead	2	2	Assigned	SOC
IMT	1	14	Assigned	Van
Support Staff	1	2	Assigned	DDC-4 Hurst
Support Staff	1	2	En Route	DDC-4 Garland (Will report by noon)

**Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD):** Game Wardens are staffing DDCs Hurst and Tyler. Game Wardens statewide remain on standby with equipment for flood response. The Game Wardens who were deployed in Van have stood down/demobilized and are returning to headquarters. No new requests for assistance have been received. One B-3 is available out of Austin are for search operations.

Resource Kind and Type	Quantity	# Personnel	Status	Resource Location
SAR Boat	1	3	Activated	Denton
SAR Boat	1	3	Activated	Seguin
Rescue Swimmer	1	2	Activated	Austin
A Star Helicopter	1	2 (observation only)	Activated	Austin
Strike Team (Boat)	1	50	On Standby	TBD
B-3	1		On Standby	Austin

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):**

Corbet Water Supply Corporation is reporting that water service has been restored to the impacted customers with full pressure. The water system has flushed, super chlorinated, and will collect bacteriological sample on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to rescind the boil water notice.

Lake Halbert Spillway: TCEQ Dam Engineer conducted an on-site assessment of Lake Halbert Dam and spillway. The assessment determined that the dam is secure. The spillway has sustained some erosion and will need to be addressed. However, the erosion does not impact the structure of the dam.

**Van Zandt County:** The TCEQ received a completed authorization request to burn green debris from the Van Zandt County Judge's office. The TCEQ regional office issued an authorization to burn this debris. The TCEQ received a completed application to establish a temporary debris site to receive and stage debris for sorting and disposal.

**Texas Education Agency (TEA):** Van ISD campuses will be closed for the remainder of the week. Classes are cancelled for the rest of the year for pre-K through third grade. There is significant damage to J.E. Rhodes Elementary School and Van Intermediate School as well as the administrative building and bus barn.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** Currently there are thirty-nine road closures statewide due to flooding or washouts. TxDOT has sand bagging machines placed with sandbags and sand, ready to be filled when needed. Fuel conditions are good statewide. Tyler district crews worked through the night in the Palestine area removing debris. Debris removal

continues in most districts today statewide. Crews are ready to mobilize if needed over the weekend. Dallas district will begin an 8am-8pm operation today through the weekend.

Resource Kind and Type	Quantity	# Personnel	Status	Resource Location
Full-time Employee		22		Tyler & Houston
Pickup Truck	11	22		Tyler & Houston
Grader	2	2		Tyler
Dump Truck	1	1		Tyler

**Texas Military Forces (TxMF):** One Air/Ground Coordination Group Representative is participating in the State's Air-Ground Coordination Group, co-located with TX TF-1 rescue swimmers at College Station. Six Texas State Guard (TXSG) personnel are supporting the Logistics Section at the SOC. Six TXMF personnel will stand up the Air Operation Center at Camp Mabry.

Four CH-47 Chinook helicopters have been activated to support any required heavy lift operations. Two CH-47s will be located at Grand Prairie and two CH-47s will be located at Ellington Field in Houston. Six additional TXSG personnel have been activated to support the SOC Plans Section beginning 14 May 2015. Seven UH-60 Blackhawks (hoist equipped) to support HSARTs are available for the SOC. Two are staged in Grand Prairie, two are staged in College Station, two are staged in Houston and one is staged in Austin. One UH-72 Lakota is staged in Austin (hoist equipment) with a HSART available for Recon and Hoist. Three high profile vehicles and one command vehicle with eight soldiers will stage in Granbury to assist Hood County and neighboring counties with rescues if needed. Seven high profile vehicles and one command vehicle is staged in Denton.

A Ground Support Package (GSP) is stationed in Denton at the National Guard Armory. An Air Support Package (ASP) is stationed in Grand Prairie. An ASP is stationed in College Station. An ASP is stationed at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA). A TXMF Liaison was activated to DDC-Tyler. A Military District Coordinator (MDC) was activated to Denton. A Public Affairs Officer (PAO) was activated to College Station to coordinate with an aviation aerial transportation package.



Resource Kind and Type	Quantity	# Personnel	Status	Resource Location
Ground Support Package	1	26	Assigned	Denton
Aerial Transportation Package	2	6	Assigned	Grand Prairie
Aerial Transportation Package	2	8	Assigned	College Station
Aerial Transportation Package	1	4	Assigned	Austin (ABIA)
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PAO	1	1	Assigned	Hurst
TXMF Liaison	1	1	Available	Tyler
MDC	1	1	Assigned	Taylor
Intake Cell Support Team	1	6	Available	TXSOC
Air Operations Center	1	30	Activated	Camp Mabry
UH60 Blackhawk support	2	2	Activated	Ellington Field
CH47 Chinook w appropriate support	4	4	Activated	Ellington Field / Grand Prairie
Plans Sections Support Team	1	6	Activated	TX SOC

**Louisiana (LA) Military Forces:** Two UH-60 Blackhawks (hoist equipped without rescue swimmers) staged in Houston. Operation hours for military force aircraft are (daylight hours only) first (0700-1800) and second (0900-2000).

**American Red Cross (ARC):** ARC Disaster Relief operations are headquartered in Dallas. ARC is ready to provide sheltering, feeding, damage assessments, and case management as requested. A breakdown of activities follows:

#### **Mass Care**

Shelter status as of 1:30 AM May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Shelter Name	Location	City/County	Status	Population
First Baptist Church of Sanger	713 S. 5 <sup>th</sup> St.	Sanger (Denton Co.)	Open	0
Central Baptist Church	710 West	Bowie (Montague Co)	Open	0
Decatur Church of Christ	2601 FM 2601 S	Decatur (Wise Co.)	Open	0
Banquete Jr. High School	4339 4 <sup>th</sup> St	Banquete (Nueces Co.)	Open	12
St. Joseph The Worker Church	8310 Highland Rd.	Edinburg/San Carlos (Hidalgo Co.)	Open	12

#### **Feeding**

Feeding continues in Van (Van Zandt Co.). Feeding teams are on hold for other shelters.

#### **Bulk Distribution**

Bulk distribution (including cleanup kits) is in Richland (Navarro Co.).

### **Reunification**

The Texas Flooding and Tornado Event remain active on the Safe and Well (<https://safeandwell.communityos.org/zf/safe/add>) website for individuals and organizations to share their safety messages.

### **Information and Planning**

Provided requested information to TDEM on shelter locations and available staff. ARC produced an IAP for May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Plans have been developed to address the mass care needs following water releases from Lake Ray Roberts and Lake Amon Carter.

### **External Relations**

DigiDoc is activated, gathering and relaying social media information. ARC has staffed the incident command post (ICP) in Van Zandt County, the Denton EOC and State Operations Center.

### **Damage Assessment**

ARC continues Damage Assessments in all affected counties and shares numbers with TXVOAD, TDEM and FEMA.

### **Recovery**

ARC has opened a Multi-Agency Resource Center in Van, TX.

American Red Cross has activated its safe and well website for survivors to check in.  
<https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>

**Public Utilities Commission (PUC):** PUC reported that the largest outages are with AEP Texas. Approximately 7,400 customers are without power. Areas most significantly impacted are Nueces County where 3,385 customers are without power and Bee County where 1,058 customers are without power. These numbers are as of 1pm this afternoon.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** DSHS ESF-8 representative remains at the SOC for 24/7 coverage until otherwise notified. DSHS continues to monitor flood activity and ESF-8 resource requests. DSHS has a virtual liaison to DDC-6 Tyler. Health Service Region 2/3 field staff are on standby to support DDC – 4 Garland per DDC Captain's request. DBH services continue to be provided by local assets at the multiagency service center in Van. No requests for state health and medical services at this time.

<b>Resource Kind and Type</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b># Personnel</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Resource Location</b>
Ambulance Strike Team	1	11	Demobilized	
AMBUS	1	6	Demobilized	
MIST Member		1	Demobilized	
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SOC Liaison		1	Assigned	SOC
HSR Liaison		1	Assigned	DDC-Tyler

**Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):** HHSC, along with 2-1-1 continue to monitor the situation and for other possible office closures. HHSC has two personnel in the SOC. 2-1-1's Area Information Centers (AICs) have continued to stay in contact with local

emergency management entities in their area to be aware of local resources. 2-1-1 specialists are prepared to refer callers to the *Safe and Well* registry and the *DriveTexas* website, or assist callers in the use of these resources. They are also prepared to refer callers, as appropriate, to currently available mass care shelters.

**Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS):** DFPS has activated its internal Area Command Structure and four regional IMT's to monitor for potential flooding and evacuation.

Area Command has established the following objectives for the May 15<sup>th</sup> Operational Period: Identify clients and facilities at risk in the potential flood pool (this is for regional situational awareness).

Continue to identify clients and facilities at risk for impacted region situational awareness.  
Continue to communicate with clients, facilities and staff as weather develops; maintain staff messaging regarding safety during operations.  
Continue to identify any DFPS offices potentially at risk for flooding and prepare them.  
Support client planning for evacuation as needed.

**Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA):** TDHCA continues to staff the SOC from 0700-1900 daily until otherwise directed by SOC leadership. TDHCA participated in the 9am May 15<sup>th</sup> State Agency PIO Conference Call – Severe Weather SOC Activation, hosted by the DPS Director of Media and Communications. TDHCA staff is keeping legislators serving impacted areas informed of TDHCA's response activities. TDHCA continues to monitor the situation and stands ready to respond to any additional assistance requests.

TDHCA continues to coordinate resource delivery through its local Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program administrators. Community Action Agencies (CAAs) that serve affected counties can be seen below. The CAAs are providing gift cards for food, gas, and toiletries to impacted households at or below 125% of the federal poverty level.

TDHCA has notified county judges of the following counties that local CAAs are providing immediate assistance to eligible households. TDHCA also offered these same officials additional information for longer term relief programs.

### **County CAA Reports**

**Bosque County:** The Economic Opportunities Advancement Corporation of Planning Region XI (EOAC) has reached out to county judges and sheriff offices in impacted counties and informed them of available assistance. There have been no requests for assistance at this time.

**Burleson County (Somerville):** TDHCA is working with Somerville city officials and a HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME Program) consultant to assist an elderly resident whose home was damaged by flooding on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. TDHCA staff is keeping legislators serving impacted areas informed of Department response activities. TDHCA continues to monitor the situation and is standing ready to respond to any additional assistance requests.

**Clay and Montague Counties:** The Rolling Plains Management Corporation (RPMC) contacted 47 existing clients in Clay and Montague counties and working to contact four remaining households in the impacted area. RPMC reports that, “Electra (Wichita County) and Harold (Wilbarger County), may require assistance due to tornados and/or high winds arising from the same storms that went through Clay and Montague.” RPMC is monitoring the situation and will report any needs. There have been no requests for assistance at this time.

**Cooke County:** The Texoma Council of Governments (TCG) reports that no assistance requests have been received.

**Denton and Van Zandt Counties:** The Community Services, Inc. (CSI) has reached out to county judges to determine command center locales to “get boots on the ground”. Staff is reaching out to existing clients throughout service areas to determine need. There have been no requests for assistance at this time.

**Eastland County:** The Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. (CTO). There have been no requests for assistance at this time.

**Gaines County:** The West Texas Opportunities, Inc. (WTO) provided gift cards to 10 households. There have been no requests for assistance at this time.

**Grimes County:** The Brazos Valley Community Action Agency (“BVCAA”). No assistance requests have been received.

**Hood County:** The Texas Neighborhood Services (“TNS”). No assistance requests have been received.

**Navarro County:** The Community Services, Inc. (“CSI”). No assistance requests have been received.

**Nueces County:** On May 15<sup>th</sup> TDHCA reached out to the county judge regarding relief coordination with local CAA Nueces County Community Action Agency (NCCAA). There have been no requests for assistance at this time.

**Smith County:** The Greater East Texas Community Action program (GETCAP) has received no requests for assistance.

**Wise County:** Texas Neighborhood Services (“TNS”). No assistance requests have been received.

**Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC):** A TAHC SOC agency representative has been activated and assigned to staff the SOC during the day to monitor the situation and respond to requests. TAHC personnel are scheduled and on-call during the SOC night shift. TAHC field personnel statewide are in contact with the local Emergency Management, DDCs, and animal authorities in their assigned areas. TAHC field personnel are conducting assessments in Northeast, East and South TX. All personnel are making preparations and are on standby. Agency resources and equipment are being staged and prepared for deployment.



**Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS):** DADS is continuing to report to the SOC for Severe Weather Event activation. They have not received any requests for assistance at this time. They will continue to monitor the situation.

**Texas Department of Criminal Justice – Office of the Inspector General (TDCJ-OIG):** After checking with OIG Regional Supervisory personnel, no TDCJ-LE assets have been affected overnight. OIG implemented procedures to increase operational readiness by placing its task force and command post staff on limited-notice deployment, and this will continue until they are deactivated. This includes 1 commander, 1 captain, 4 lieutenants and 28 criminal investigators, as well as a mobile command post with supporting administrative staff. OIG personnel will continue to be on a short notice standby for rapid deployment if necessary.

**Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA):** TDA continues to monitor the situation and remains on standby to respond to requests.

**Texas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD):** Texas VOADs were active yesterday in Cisco, Denton and Van. Texas VOAD held an 11:00 AM conference call to discuss the current events, unmet needs and on-going actions. There will be no conference calls over the weekend.

Operational information from specific VOAD agencies follows:

**Adventist Community Services:** Adventist Community Services is providing donation management for the City of Van. Currently 3 donation drop-off trailers are set up: Brookshire, Assembly of God, and Van High School parking lots.

**ALERT:** Alert is continuing to conduct debris cleanup of homes and placing tarps on roofs where needed in Van, Texas (Van Zandt County).

**Southern Baptists of Texas Convention - Disaster Relief Ministry:** SBTC has multiple response units in Van, and they completed 26 chainsaw jobs today. Shower unit, assessment teams and chaplains are also on the ground working in Van.

Resource Kind and Type	Quantity	# Personnel	Status	Resource Location
Chainsaw Unit	2	12	Active	Van
Skidsteer (climbing capable)	1	1	Active	Van
Shower Unit	1	6	Active	Van
Operations Team	1	3	Active	Van
Chaplain Team	1	4	Active	Van
Needs Assessment Team	1	2	Active	Van
Pallet Jacks	2		Active	Van
Assessors	3	3	Active	Van

Number of chainsaw jobs completed to date is 26.

**United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Central Texas UMCOR:** A Central Texas UMCOR chainsaw team was sent to Morgan Mill (Erath County) for trees and debris removal. They are planning to send more teams.

**Mercy Chefs:** Deploying to a church near Van for a week to provide meals.

**Feeding Texas:** All food banks are functioning and ready to respond as needed. They are staffing the Texas VOAD seat in the SOC. A food pantry in Bowie, TX is being relocated due to flooding and should reopen next week.

**Saint Vincent De Paul:** Will be at the Van MARC on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Save the Children:** Closely monitoring and stands ready to help support unmet needs for children.

**OneStar Foundation's AmeriCorps\*Texas Program:** Texas Conservation Corps at American Youthworks has AmeriCorps members on the ground in Van (Van Zandt Co.) helping set up the Volunteer Resource Center (VRC).

**Mercy Chefs:** Active and feeding survivors, volunteers, first responders and law enforcement in Van, TX. They are located at 608 Maple, Van, TX and are preparing meals for 150-200 people daily, three times a day. Meals are available on site or to go.

**Team Rubicon:** A Volunteer Resource Center (VRC) is located at the Van High School Stadium Parking lot located at 1085 North Maple in Van, TX and will be open today.

**The Church of the Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints:** Sending cleanup volunteers throughout the area Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The teams are staging out of Tyler, TX and expect to complete operations by Saturday evening unless additional needs are identified. Teams are self-sustaining and additional volunteers are on standby if and when needed.

**Mission on Wheels:** Has sent a shower and generator trailers to the First United Methodist Church in Canton, TX to support volunteer teams working in Van.

**East Texas Food Bank:** East Texas Food Bank will pick up donated can goods and re-work them for safety issues. The product will then hold the food pantry and/or community distribution until needed.

#### **Agencies Participating at the MARC:**

##### **Texas Baptist Men:**

**Van, TX** - Mobile Command Post with an Incident Management Team, chaplain teams and one staff chaplain, temporary roof unit, two chainsaw units, a box unit providing packing material and boxes for homeowners, two temporary lighting towers, and a temporary child care team. An additional chainsaw team with heavy equipment (skid steer) is scheduled to arrive in Van Friday morning.

**Denton, TX** – Two chainsaw units with two chaplain teams are currently working.

**Cisco, TX** – Incident Management Team, two chaplain teams and one staff chaplain, one chainsaw unit, one heavy equipment (skid steer) team are currently working.

**Celina, TX** – Clean out request has been completed.

**Somerville, TX** – Assessment team scheduled for Monday.

**The Salvation Army:** The Salvation Army continues to have a liaison present at the SOC to monitor any requests and coordinate with other State agencies and voluntary agencies.

**Catholic Charities:** Participating in the Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) with the other partner agencies from Thursday- Saturday. They will be providing some immediate assistance and case management.

**Texas Baptist Disaster Recovery:** Providing gift cards and intake for long-term recovery volunteer labor.

**Victim Relief Ministries:** Assets on the ground in Van (Van Zandt County). Planning to pull back from the red zone and setting up operations at the Church of Garden Valley.

**OneStar Foundation:** Texas Conservation Corps at American Youthworks has AmeriCorps\*Texas members on the ground assisting at the Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) in Van, TX. OneStar Foundation is activating the [www.VolunteerTX.org](http://www.VolunteerTX.org) portal to better coordinate communication with spontaneous, unaffiliated volunteers.

**Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation:** Will be at the Van MARC on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Samaritan's Purse:** Will continue to field volunteer church teams to assist homeowners with storm damage. All of their support equipment is in place and operational.

Corsicana Corps (212 E. 1st Ave., Corsicana, TX 75110) Corsicana has completed its work and is standing down until further notice.

Laredo Corps (408 Matamoros, Laredo, TX 78040) remains on stand-by to provide emotional and spiritual care and sheltering for anyone who may evacuate their homes or become stranded due to flooding. Shelter facility is for individual men and women. Very few rooms are available for families.

Tyler Corps served 1,242 meals on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to first responders and survivors in Van, TX. They also provided 1,434 beverages and 502 snack items. Mobile Command Post in Van moved to the Van high school stadium parking lot (1085 N. Maple Street / 75790). The TSA will remain on location providing feeding until there is no longer a need. Waco, TX is providing a canteen and four additional personnel to the Tyler operation in Van, TX (effective May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015). The Waco unit will provide a fixed feeding site at the Van Command Post at least through the weekend. This will allow the Tyler Canteen to provide roving canteen service to the affected area.

Corpus Christi Corps is responding to the Banquete, TX area with a Canteen (Food / Hydration) at the Banquete Jr. High School / 4334 4th St / Robstown, TX. They served 60 meals on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Resource Kind and Type	Quantity	# Personnel	Status	Resource Location
Liaison	1	1	Active	SOC
Shelter	1		Stood down	Corsicana
Shelter	1		Stand-by	Laredo
Mobile Kitchen	2	4	Active	Van
Trailer 52'	2		Active	Van
Mobile Kitchen	1		Active	Banquette

This table displays TSA's resources only.

**Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC):** TxDOT received three sandbagging machines from the State of Louisiana to be delivered to our Beaumont district. The Beaumont district will then deliver the machines to Liberty, Huntsville and Rusk for deployment.

Two UH-60 helicopters were deployed to Texas from the Louisiana National Guard. They have been staged at Ellington Air Field in Houston.

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) increased its activation level to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) effective at 7:00 AM (CDT) Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The SOC held a severe weather event conference call with the National Weather Service and State agency representatives at 10:00 AM (CDT) yesterday morning. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

**The four levels of SOC activation are:**

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at [www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem).*

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